

First Grade Units of Study

Traits of Good Citizens: decision making, good citizenship, rules, laws, fair play, sportsmanship, helping, respect, self-control, working hard, taking responsibility, honesty, truthfulness, voting, diversity, traditions, principles, collaborating, compromise, participation

Animals: body coverings, movement, eating and protection, how people use animals, habitats

Force, Energy and Motion-Simple Machines: force uses energy that produces motion, friction, push and pull, making work easier, simple machine construction-wheel, pulley, lever, inclined plane, wedge

Earth Science: changes, rock uses by people, soil uses by plants and animals

Places People Live: neighborhoods, maps, cardinal directions, map key, globes, beginning map skills, VA resources, and landforms

Needs and Wants-Economics: money, saving, human, capital and natural resource, goods, services, buyers, sellers, making choices, decision making

Tundra Biome: climate, weather, landforms, plants, animals, people, resources

Virginia History: primary and secondary sources, timelines, citizenship, past and present comparisons, cause and effect relationships, settlement of VA at Jamestown, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, life in Virginia today

Influential Virginians: Powhatan, Pocahontas, Christopher Newport, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Maggie L. Walker, Arthur Ashe, JR.

Holidays: Presidents Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

US and Virginia Symbols: American flag, pledge of allegiance, Virginia flag, state capitol building, state bird, state flower, symbols, traditions

Our Shining Star-the Sun: stars, shadows, heat, light, day and night, rotation and revolution, constellations

Plants: life needs: nutrients, air, water, light, place to grow; roots hold plants in place and absorb water, seeds make new plants, leaves make food for the plant, stems hold the plants upright and transport materials up and down the plant, plants can be classified by characteristics: edible/nonedible, evergreen/deciduous, flowering/nonflowering

Citizens of All Creation: places to find answers when doing research, countries, continents, choice of country for research on flag, map, language, tourist spots and food